APPROPRIENCE CONCENTRAL CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPRIENCE OF THE PROPRI From Lands That May Be Ours

animals, birds, reptiles and cu- efforts of England, Holland and riosities of all descriptions, and Spain they have been subdued and are I visited one of the Spanish men-ofwird, uncivilized races, I made several danao, the second in size and the most years to that portion of the earth's known to all. Its inhabitants are alippine islands constitute a large and Spain and have been practically free important part. My peculiar occu-pation brought me in direct and intimate associations and dealings with the various races and tribes that inhabit the hundreds of islands scattered throughout that vast region. I was thus enabled to gain an accurate knowledge of their characteristics, manners, customs and habits. As there are over 200 different tribes in the Philippines, each with their local differences of language and customs, it is impossible for anyone to form a proper opinion or write a truthful description of that country from what could be learned by a few days' sojourn in Manila. Although the Spanish have been the nominal rulers and in possession of the Philippines for over 300 years, they have not colonized them in the sense that we use that word, for excluding the civil, military and clerical officials who are "birds of passage," and are there

the express purpose of "feathe their nests," returning to their he when that has been accomplished. Spanish residents, all other Europ nationalities, and the Chinese half-castes, do not constitute as five per cent, of the 8,000,000 inha ants. It will thus be seen that dark-hued races found there by first discoverers still form the gibulk of population. Those of Ma origin are the most numerous and portant. They are subdivided i several tribes, but those who inha the larger islands of Luzon, Mindo Zebu and Panay-locally known Tagals-are the most intelligent a progressive. They are the "bone a-

traders, farmers, hunters and serv. their use. They use poison on the tips batteries and destroy the guns. The ants, are of peaceful, amiable, good- of their spears and arrows which is shot that struck the Baltimore showed natured disposition.



most without exception "monumental erty rights can be best explained by of these islands, no matter in whose stating that they never have been hands they may ultimately remain. known to emit appropriating "other There are many Mestizos of Chinese people's money," at every favorable op- descent, and these follow the trades portunity. They have, however, some of their Chinese fathers, whatever that unique traits of acror, and when they | may be. Many of them, especially have once plyliged their word, in the name of Allah, they will faithfully perform the obligation even at the risk of their lives, and you can entrust them to tions. They dress and otherwise known to be swarming with robbers, and your cash is as safe as though in the hands of an express company. But after procuring a receipt showing its safe delivery to the proper person, they consider themselves no longer bound to their agreement, and would not hesitate to kill the receiver in order to regain possession of the money. They are inveterate gamblers, and have innumerable games of chance, played with both cards and dice. But the great national pastime is cockfighting. None are so poor that they do not possess a few game fowls; the smallest hamlet has its cockpit, and a match between noted fowls will draw the whole population from the surrounding country, and large amounts of money chapge hands over the result. They are universally Mohammedans in religion, and are usually temperate, using neither spirits nor opium. As a rule they have but one wife, although they can have as many as four, that being the limit even for the richest. Notwithstanding their natural disposition of amiability they are, when roused to anger or in warfare, bloodthirsty, vindictive savages. not make good material for sol-

dressed in real Malay style, with gay an important role in the future of the or skirt of plaid cloth reaching from the hips to the ankle, and wooden sandais. The women are generally quite erally Klings from South India, or pretty. They are small, plump and exremely graceful. They are more in-clusted as residents, as they usually return home at the end of their term for their skill in embroidery and other of service. Whatever the future fate fancy articles.

swimmers known, many of them being employed by the pearling fleets the past misrule of the Dons. that operates in the bay of Bengal and

#************* other parts of the tropics where pearls AVING been employed by the are found. The Moros, who inhabit late P. T. Barnum as his special the Sulus, were formerly noted as the foreign agent, my business most daring of pirates. They were being to capture, collect, pur- inhuman monsters and were the terror and ship to America wild of that region, but by the combined to procure specimens of strange, now on their good behavior. Minvisits extending over a term of 18 southerly of the group, is the least surface geographically known as the most barbarous, and they have never Maiay archipelago, of which the Phil- acknowledged the sovereignty of



sinew" of the country, are the small and blow guns, and are experts in deadly, and lead a nomadic life, seldom | what kind of guns the Spaniards had The word veracity has been omitted remaining long in one place. They are It was the only shot that pierced our from their vocabulary, they being al- never at a loss for food, and do not give a thought to the morrow, nature having been so lavish to those people that a vigorous shake of the tree that shelters them over night will furnish them with a "square meal" in the morning. Their only clothing is a bark loin cloth. They are pagans, and believe and practice all sorts of sorcery and witchcraft. They are pure Papuans, and practice polygamy, are cunning, treacherous, but also courageous. They are rapidly diminishing, and will soon become extinct

The half-castes, or, as they are called in this country, Mezitos, while small in numbers are more influential and important than any of the mixed races, particularly the Spanish Mestitos, who are generally merchants and are often quite wealthy. They are also employed in the government service as clerks and private secretaries, are petty office holders and much more efficient than the imported Spaniard. Both the men and women are unusually good looking. They will play an children of wealthy parents, are sent



CHINESE MESTIZO AND SERVANT. blooded Mongolians. The Chinese are found throughout the entire group, but are most numerous in the cities are brave, courageous fighters, there being 60,000 in Manila. They are the owners of the country and do the could not but be thankful that there they will not submit to rigid bulk of the trade, being naturally most he. Those in the interior are clever financiers. They, too, will play colored turban, short jacket, a sorong country. There are hundreds of coolies employed in various occupaof the Philippines may be, or into The Bisayans, as those who live on whose hands they may eventually fall. the sea shore and on the islets are one thing is certain, they cannot but called, are the most expert divers and be bettered by the change. They cer-

J. B. GAYLORD.

HORRORS OF BATTLE.

Interesting Information Relating to the Destruction of the Spanish Fleet near Manila.

Assistant Engineer Henry Schoenborn, of the revenue cutter McCulloch n a letter to his mother, who lives in Washington, D. C., gives some new details of the horrors of the battle of Manila. In his letter he says:

"Since we bave been here I have been on shore at Cavite several times to see the results of the battle, and I do not think I will go again, as it is terrible. war, which had been partially sunk by the shells from our ships, and you could see the Spanish men lying around on decks and over their guns all shot to pleces, some with no legs and others with their heads gone. It certainly was terrible. That same afternoon our vessels sent men to gather up all of the dead bodies and bury them on shore. The Spanish, when their feet. they surrendered, did not stop to bury their dead or take care of the wounded, but fled to Manila. I also visited the arsenal and navy yard at Cavite, and it was at the latter place that I realized what damage could be cone with an eight-inch shell. The shells from the guns of our fleet had gone through whole rows of brick buildings and torn them all to pieces; others had gone through buildings and then exploded, and there was nothing left of the buildings. I also visited the 1. Have it from two feet up to any Spanish admiral's house, and, strange exploded, and there were only a few things left whole."

George Alvin Lord, the paymaster on the revenue cutter McCulloch, arrived in Washington recently and he too furnishes some new and interesting this box, inside, of a length and width

information. In an interview he said: reached Manila that the Spanish guns high at the caves. It will take some were old, obsolete affairs that would work, of course, to construct the oval the never-ending exertions and woes jump out of their mountings at first roof, but by rounding the end boards, discharge. This old battery at the or "peaks," and taking a thin but mouth of the Pasig river was not used | tough piece of board of the requisite by the Spaniards. Their shore batteries at Cavite and Corregidor contained some of the finest modern Krupp guns, well mounted and of larger caliber than any guns in our fleet. The idea that our fleet was op posed only by antiquated, decrepit old artillery is nonsense, as we learned when our men were sent ashore a Cavite after the fight to blow up the



HENRY SCHOENBORN. (Assistant Engineer of the Revenue Cut

"It was a grand sight all the night after the fight to see the burning ships, which lit up the sky with their flames, with occasionally an explosion, as the the horrors of war on Monday afternoon, when in a rowboat we went around the charred skeleton of the Reina Cristina. Rounding the stern something unusual showed on the projecting sponson of a forward gun, which on near inspection proved to be a corpse of a Spaniard, nude, save for a belt about his waist, both legs shot off at the knee and other horrible wounds. Owing to the body being on the sponson outside the bull it had not been burned, and was one of the most grewsome sights I ever saw, and I were no such sights seen on our ship, but which had been averted only by the hard of divine Providence, which

An Old Tapestry.

watched over us that Sunday morn-

An interesting antiquarian discovery has been made in the small church of | sell early if you can help it. Radanita, in the Bucovine. It consists of a rich tapestry embroidered in gold, representing the death of Christ. It is in a wonderful state of preservation, and the inscription is perfectly legible. It states that "this tapestry was the gift of Alexander the Good, prince of Moldavia, who, in 1409, built this church at his own expensa."

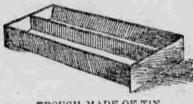
The person who does not love life in

SOFT POULTRY FOOD.

Simple Device Which Keeps Clean No Matter How Greedy

the Chicks May Be. When soft poultry food is thrown on the ground or even on a board, it he has very little sense of home joys s quickly trampled and befouled so and affections; the pure air and water that it is unfit to eat. Especially is of the country; its holy quietudes; its this true in a wet, muddy time. To be sure, it may be placed in a shallow pan or trough, but even this does not help the matter any. What is wanted, its sports and pleasures; its loves and rather, is a covered pan or trough so friendships, undefiled by the dust and constructed that it will permit the poultry to obtain the food and at the same time keep them out of it with For small chicks make a double

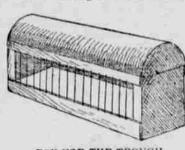
trough of tin, such as is shown in Fig.



TROUGH MADE OF TIN.

length desired, and six inches wide, to say, one of the shells of our vessels each half being three inches wide and had gone into the admiral's room and 11/2 inches deep, with square ends soldered on. Tin gives the best satisfaction, as it can be easily washed and kept clean.

Make a box such as is shown in Fig. 2, and set the trough inside of it. Have to correspond with the size of the "We had been told before the fleet trough, and let it be at least a foot wine and steaming it, and then nailing



BOX FOR THE TROUGH.

It on securely, no serious difficulties will be experienced. Have this part hinged and fastened with a hook, as is as compact form as possible, then

Each side should be open and fitted with wire bars placed two inches tail end of the ficece roll toward the bent at right angles, driven through semble a spool of thread in shape. insert the food, simply raise the up- pwing to the size of the fleece, should per portion or roof part, the semi-rotundity of which prevents the fowls doubling it and laying it on one end of from roosting on it. Thus the poultry the table. Lay the fleece down on the cannot get at the food with their feet string, with the two strings about to pollute it, and, at the same time, it is safe from any stray animals that string around the circular way of the may come along, such as cats and fleece. Part the strings, running one dogs, for which it is not intended .- one way and the other in the opposite Fred O. Sibley, in Ohio Farmer.

LOCATION FOR BEES.

An Orchard with Low-Spreading Trees Is Cinimed to Be the ideal Place for an Apinty.

I have decided that the ideal place prevarientors," and their ideas of prop- important part in the future destinies ships worthy of mention. It was a 4.7 for an apiary is in an orchard, where armor-piercing shot, and struck and there are low-spreading trees. If the entered the upper gun deck line, de- queen's wings are clipped, there will fleeting slightly upward, scattering be comparatively little climbing after splinters from three or four feet of swarms. Some prefer shade-boards; deck next the ship's side, which slight- but after having tried both, for the ly wounded five or six of Ensign Ir- comfort of the apiarist and that of win's gun crew. It went through the the bees, I decidedly prefer the shade to China when young and receive an engine room batch, and then glane- of low-spreading trees. Grapevines education at the best Chinese institu- ing on the recoil chamber of one of the do tolerably well, but they do not prosix-inch guns struck the circular shield tect the apiarist; and at the time of deliver large sums of money to remote adopt all the habits peculiar to their of heavy steel in front of it. Follow- the year when the shade is most needplaces in the interior, through a region fathers' land, and look and act like full- ing around the concave surface of the ed, they are sending out shoots and shield, the shot came back across the branches that interfere with the handdeck toward the side from which it en- ling of the hive; and grapevines do tered, struck and bent a ladder on one require an excessive amount of trimof the big ventilators and fell upon the ming just at the time bees need the deck. One of the gun's crew, leaning most attention. The colonies at our against the ventilator, was thrown out-yard are placed in groups of three senseless on the deck, and was carried on the north side of the low-spreading below, but shortly surprised the sur- bass woods. It is a great comfort as geons by getting up and walking back | well as a pleasure to work among to his gun, doing his duty to the end of these bees compared with what it is in the home yard of the grapevines. Vernon Burt has his apiary in an apple orchard, and the grass is neatly keps down by sheep that are allowed to run among the hives at will. The magazines ignited. I saw a sample of lawn-mower does not begin to compare with them. - Colman's Rural World.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Don't cultivate the corn too late. You will cut the roots. We would advise feeding calves from

tin or galvanized pails. If the calf will not drink-and some will not-starve it to it.

Cut the grass when the bloom is on and you will preserve the aroma. When the rains cease be sure to cultivate and make the surface fine.

The preservation of a good aroma in hay makes it all the more palatable to the animal.

(lover hay is a hundred per cent. turist. better than timothy for all purposes in feeding stock. It looks now as if wheat would be a

good price for the next crop. Don't A tread power, run by a big dog or calf, will do the churning on most

farms, and save lots of labor. The only way to buy binder twine is to club together and demand a reduction in price. The sellers of binder twine are getting rich off the farmers -Western Plowman.

LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. a the Farm Is Where Freedom

Health and Perfect Happiness Await Your Coming.

he country has lost the best part of his asture by being east out of the garden of Eden at an early period of his life, to be artificially reared on the sights, sounds and smells of the streets, alleys and sewers of some city. He knows nothing of real home lifecities have very little-as a rule, only number so and so, such a street; gentle appeals to all the senses; its solitudes, where tumult and mon never intrude; its delightful woods, grime of the crowded tenements and thronged thoroughfares; its sacred privacies and seclusions; its leisure, its freedom and independence from the intrusions and demands of hurrying urban life and its sacred exemp tions from the gross contacts and associations of the bustling and shouldering streets-all these, and more akin to them, make the rural existence a perpetual delight, undefiled by the onditions that attend the constant pressure of mixed and crowded popu-

The farm is not a bonanza, but it its labors are easy and healthy; its incrops engage continual care and attention, with daily vicissitudes of weather that never destroy hope and even cheer with promise of fruition, and at last, with garnered crops, it affords you plenty, with a roaring fire under your own roof-happy in being that his name implies. When the monarch of all you survey, despite the struggles for bread in the cities and inseparable from style and its silly rivalries. Go back to the country, young man!

Go home to the farm. Seize the plow and become an independent and happy man, though you may miss wealth fashion and luxury .- Norfolk Pilot.

TYING THE FLEECE.

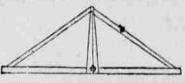
Put No More String Around It Than Is Absolutely Necessary to Hold It in Form.

The best and simplest method of on a table with the flesh side down, and with the hands work the wool in fold in the two sides, then the tail end, then the neck wool. Beginning at the six inches apart, and then pull the direction, having the strings cross each other at the other end of the fleece, turning the fleece one-fourth round and running a string around it endwise at right angles to the last one. By this method as neat appearing fleece will be secured as can be tied by any wool box. Wool will be repact form. It has the appearance of being too heavy in proportion to the size of the fleece. Put on no more

DRAINAGE MADE EASY.

An Accurate and Practical Level, Working on the Same Principle as a Plumb Line.

One of the greatest drawbacks to successful farming operations on thousands of farms is the absence of a thorough system of tile drainage, consequently the early preparation of ground, and the planting of crops, is not only greatly retarded, but the season for growth being also comparatively less, makes them more suscentible to early autumn frosts before maturity. Drain lowest depressions first, and continue the work as circumstances permit and never attempt to do a perfect job without the constant



PLUMB LINE DRAINAGE LEVEL. use of the level whenever any doubt shows a very simple, accurate and practical level, working on the principle of a plumb-line. It is 161/4 feet long, so that by raising either end one inch and marking the variation in the plumb one can easily tell when the grade is one inch to the red. This level can be slid along in the bottom of the ditch, thus keeping a uniform grade of any desired fall .- American Agricul-

Dark and Light Eggs. In the New York city markets the white eggs seem to be preferred, but in Boston and Philadelphia consumers have a preference for dark eggs. The color of the shell does not indicate the quality of the egg. In sending eggs to market it will always be an advantage to sort them as uniform in size and color as nossible. Endeavor to please the customer and better prices will be obtained .- American Gardening. -



LITTLE MR. BY AND BY.

Little Mr. By-and-By, You will mark him by his cry, And the way he loiters when Called again and yet again-Glum if he must leave his play, Though all time be holiday.

Little Mr. By-and-By, Eyes cast down and mouth awry. In the mountains of the moon He is known as Fretty Soon; And he's cousin to Don't Care, As, no doubt, you're well aware.

Little Mr. By-and-By Always has a fretful "Why?" When he's asked to come or go
Like his sister—Susan Slow.
Hope we'll never—you nor I—
Be like Mr. By-and-By.
—Clinton Scollard, in the Watchman.

PETS OF SAILOR MEN.

Cats, Dogs, Pigs and Goats That Have Pleasant Berths in the United States Navy.

The pride and pet of the naval reserves aboard the New Hampshire is a cat who rejoices in the name of Monkey. Monkey has lived on the vesfeeds the world. To one accustomed, rel so long that any attempt to remove him meets with stubborn recidents interesting, its rests, changes sistance. A sailor tried it once and a and relaxations, with exchanges of battle ensued, in consequence of which visits, always full of recreation: its he carries several scars received from Monkey's claws. Now, when Monkey sees that particular sailor he makes a dive for the quarterdeck, where he knows that he is safe from pursuit. The pet on the Nahaut is Rags, a

scraggy dog, whos: appearance is all officers on board the monitor received their commissions from Capt. Richman, the naval reserves decorated Rags

America by a tar who was then on a mile a minute. The swingers work the Monongahela. The goat has earned till the swing-ropes stand out at right the friendship of the jackies by adopt- angles to the frame; then they sit, one ing their habits of life. It took some on the other, and wait for the swing to time for him to get his sea legs, but | end its pendulations. Usually there are after a few voyages he became a first- very exciting contests to see which rate sailor. His favorite perch when team of swingers can make the swing the New York was in the navy yard fly the highest, and it occasionally haptying wool, says Wool Markets and was on the bridge of the vessel, and he pens that a man will lose his grip and Sheep, is done by placing the fleece would stand there for hours. The fly through the air to certain and algoat was allowed a bottle of beer every most instant death.-Chicago Record. day, and he had black coffee after dinner. His only rival in the affection of the New York crew was a small pig, which came from the island of Madeira | He Imitated the Rolls of the Canary, part, each end of these wires being neck, and the fleece will somewhat rebent at right angles, driven through semble a spool of thread in shape. pig has a unique habit of messing up the strips of wood and clinched. To About five or six feet of wood twine, his food with his forefeet before behave been previously prepared by ginning his meat. The jackies tried to cure him of the habit, but the porker refused to eat unless allowed to have a baby sparrow from its rest and nursed his own way, and the attempt to teach and fed it very carefully until it could him good table manners was finally feed alone. When a week or two older abandoned .- N. Y. Tribune.

NEWSBOY VIOLINIST.

of Classical Music with Perfeet Expression.

struggling for a livelihood by the sale lark. of papers, is a little ragged urchin out of whom there may yet be developed Yet this youngster can play the Chopin actually necessary to hold it in form. Impromptu in A, or the Berceuse, the Melody of F, by Rubinstein, or the caught and kept in a little cage. For Spring Song with perfect expression, a long time the eage hung next to the



THE NEWSBOY VIOLINIST.,

The little violin, always by his side, exists as to the required grade of the ditch. The accompanying illustration has served to attract many a curious ditch. The accompanying illustration has served to attract many a curious ditch. crowd. They will sometimes ask for "Sweet Rosle O'Grady," or "Annie, Roony." Then the eyes of the player to frighten an elephant almost out of flash with an angry and outraged dig- his senses. One little mouse in the hay nity. "I play nothing but the works on which they are feeding will stamof the great masters," he says.

How he found time or opportunity for even this limited expansion of his God- chacanas, which feed on a small, sour sent gift no one knows. He is not berry or which elephants are very fond. blind to the commercial side of the They live in settlements, something situation. When the crowd is big after the manner of prairie dogs, under enough he drops the violin and sells the berry bushes. When feeding, the 'papers"

What She Was. Tommy-Come, Bridget, play with is. We're playing soldier. Bridget-G'wan, yez little imp. Oi ain e no soldier.

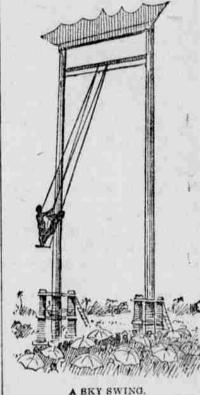
Tommy-No, Bridget, but you're a red cross nurse.-Harper's Bazar.

Arrested for Bigamy. Judge-What is your name? Worsau-That's for you to find out, your honer .- N. Y. Journal.

GIGANTIC SWINGS.

the People of Siam, in Asia, Amuse Themselves After the Harvests Are Gathered.

When the harvests are gathered aud the season's work is finished the Siamese become a wonderfully jolly people. They have festivals, where they play like an army of big children let out for a romp, but they enjoy the "sky swing" best of all. This testival swing is a gigantic structure over 90 feet high, and its seat is nearly 50 feet above the ground. When the crowd is all ready for the spert, there is a blare of trum-pets, and two lightly dressed natives climb up the side pillars to the high cross-bar, walk nimbly out to the swing



with the national colors, and informed ropes fastened nearly 100 feet above the their guests that the dog, too, had ground, and then slide down to the frail been duly commissioned, and that seat of the swing. Then the fun begins, henceforth his rank was to be "the Like a couple of boys in an ordinary ugliest thing that ever happened." | backyard swing the Siamese men begin The muscot of the New York is a to "teeter" the swing back and forth till goat, who was picked up in South it gets to flying at a speed of perhaps

SPARROW AS A MIMIC.

Sang Like a Goldfinch and Walked Like a Lark.

To train a sparrow is the task a certain bird lover set herself one year. During the month of April she took it was placed in a cage with a lark, a goldfinch and two canaries. After a few months had elapsed the sparrow imitated his companions perfectly, so He Can Play the Most Difficult Pieces that one might easily mistake him for one of them. He mimicked the rolls of the carary, sang with the delicacy and artifice of the goldfinch, and, more Out in the streets of Philadelphia amusing than all, he walked like the

In all this perhaps there was nothing so very astonishing, added the parracommission men if tied up in too comgestion of Chopin, Saint-Saens and the power of imitating the song of Beethoven in connection with a news- other birds, but the little sparrow went boy has just a touch of Gilbert about it. a step farther, and tried to train his voice to a cricket's note.

In the spring some crickets were canary bird's cage, but not one of the birds was pretentious enough to try to imitate the crickets, which were afterward moved next to the sparrow's cage. Great was the astonishment of the household when two days later the sparrow's little voice piped out in imitation of the crickets'. Even after the crickets died the sparrow continued to imitate them, varying his tones with the different little songs of the other birds.

So sparrows are not wholly uninteresting little birds after all. Carlotta Patti had a sparrow which was a great pet and companion. He recognized his mistress whenever she entered the room and would chirp a welcome; he would never eat but when she fed him from her lips. Like Carlotta, the sparrow was lame. It was on this account, ndeed, that she chose him for her pet.

ELEPHANTS FEAR MICE.

They Resemble a Little Animal Which Causes the Big Fellows' Death in the Jungle.

It seems incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able pede an entire herd. In their native land there are little animals, known as elephants trample the little towns, and the chacanas, in their fright, run up the tules of the elephants' trunks, Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its coiled trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh. Inflammation and death are the result. In captivity the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when they see a mouse .- N. Y. Sun.